Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/323)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 June 2021, reference K/21/323.

Your request read:

“Freedom of Information request about the number of Black people that work in an area related to chemistry within your company. This can include Black people who work in a chemistry specific post (practical or administrative), or have a background in chemistry.”

The University of Leeds holds some information relevant to your request.

We have not been able to establish a method, based on the recorded information we hold for members of staff, for identifying individuals who have a background in chemistry. As such, the information we can provided is restricted to members of staff who are employed in a role within the School of Chemistry. Please also note that there is no requirement for members of staff to provide a record of their ethnicity to the University. No current employees within the School of Chemistry for whom we have ethnicity information recorded have stated their ethnicity as Black.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle
Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

Email: foi@leeds.ac.uk

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University’s response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer

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